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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Appeal Brief

1. This action is in response to the submitted Appeal Brief received April 20, 2004; a new examiner has taken over this case.

NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37

CFR 1.192(c)

With respect to VII Grouping of Claims, Applicant states "The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's grouping of the claims".

It is unclear as to what this statement means as the prior examiner did not group the claims. Clarification is requested.

In addition, a full and complete copy of the pages used as prior art in the book "Risk Management and Analysis" by Alexander will be sent to the Applicant when it becomes available through inter-library loan.

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c).

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the

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notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven R. Wasylchak whose telephone number is (703) 308-2848. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, can be reached at (703) 308-1065. The fax number for Art Unit 3624 is (703) 305-7687.

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